

NETWORK ANALYZER HAVING DISTRIBUTED PACKET REPLAY AND TRIGGERING

ABSTRACT

5 A system is described for monitoring and testing computer networks, such as
enterprise networks that tend to have a number of geographically dispersed devices and
interconnected sub-networks. The system includes a plurality of distributed agents coupled
to a computing network. The system further includes a replay module coupled to the
network that has storage medium to store replay data. The replay module communicates
10 respective portions of the replay data to the agents, and issues commands to the agents to
control introduction of the network packets on the computing network by the agents. The
replay data stored by the storage medium may define a conditional flow for introduction of
the network packets by the agents. Accordingly, the replay module may issue commands to
the agents in accordance with the conditional flow.